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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP REGARDING PROPOSED CONTROL MEASURE
FOR HEAVY DUTY STREET SWEEPER VEHICLES OPERATED IN THE
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN

Background: Beginning in 2000, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) adopted several rules as part of their Clean Fleets Program. These rules were designed to require certain fleets to purchase the cleanest alternative fueled vehicles available. The rules were challenged in court and in April 2004, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that certain aspects of the fleet rules adopted by SCAQMD were federally preempted. The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) with the concurrence of the SCAQMD has agreed to initiate the rulemaking process for four of the following fleet rules:

- Rule 1186.1 Less-Polluting Sweepers
- Rule 1192 Clean On-Road Transit Buses
- Rule 1193 Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Refuse
Collection Vehicles
- Rule 1195 Clean On-Road School Buses

Workshop: ARB is holding a public workshop to solicit comments on a new proposed control measure for Heavy Duty Street Sweeper Vehicles Operated in the South Coast Air Basin based upon the requirements of Rule 1186.1. Briefly, staff is considering adopting the South Coast rule or a rule which requires best available control technology as state regulations. Preliminary regulatory concepts are attached. The draft of the actual regulatory language proposal will be posted at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/scfleet/scfleet.htm> at least two weeks prior to the workshop. The Heavy Duty Street Sweeper Vehicle workshop will be held at the following date and time:

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2005
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
9530 Telstar Avenue, Annex IV Auditorium
El Monte, California 91731

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ARB will hold three similar workshops for the other South Coast fleet rules under consideration at the same location per the following schedule:

Rule 1193	Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Refuse Collection Vehicles
Date:	Wednesday, April 6, 2005
Time:	9:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m.
Rule 1195	Clean On-Road School Buses
Date:	Thursday, April 7, 2005
Time:	9:30 a.m to 12:00 p.m.
Rule 1192	Clean On-Road Transit Buses
Date:	Thursday, April 7, 2005
Time:	1:30 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

Please note that you may be receiving additional notices for these other workshops. Staff is using separate mail-outs for the different workshops to ensure that stakeholders receive adequate and timely notice.

Comments: Staff encourages oral comments regarding this proposed rule at the workshop. If written comments are provided, we would appreciate receiving them by April 15, 2005. Timely submittal of comments allows staff time to address comments before the proposed regulation order is submitted to the Board for consideration in July 2005. Please send your comments to Ms. Sharon Lemieux, Staff Engineer, by email at sclermieu@arb.ca.gov, or by mail attention Ms. Sharon Lemieux, ARB, 9480 Telstar Avenue, Annex II, El Monte California 91731.

In addition, if you would like to receive e-mail notices regarding meetings and updates related to ARB's adoption of the South Coast fleet rules please subscribe to ARB's list serve located at the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/scfleet.htm>.

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If you have special accommodation or language needs, or have any questions or comments regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Neidy Pinuelas, Secretary, Heavy Duty Diesel In-Use Strategies Branch, at npinuela@arb.ca.gov or (626) 350-6454, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Attachment